

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 723

By Hensley

A RESOLUTION to honor Colonel Charles R. Tilton for his meritorious service as Commander of the 117th Regiment (RTI) of the Tennessee Army National Guard.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body take great pleasure in paying tribute to those exemplary citizens who have devoted their careers and themselves to service in the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, one such heroic citizen is Colonel Charles R. Tilton, who has rendered meritorious service to this state and nation as the Commander of the 117th Regiment (RTI) of the Tennessee Army National Guard since August 2013; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Charles Tilton holds a Master of Arts degree in National Strategic Studies from the Resident Army War College and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science and obtained his commission as a Second Lieutenant from Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU); and

WHEREAS, during his extensive military career, Colonel Charles Tilton has held numerous command and staff assignments, including Commander of the 183rd Transportation Detachment, the A/473rd/30th Separate Armored Brigade, and the 1175th Transportation Company; Assistant S4 with the 30th Troop Command; Support Operations Officer with the 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment; Assistant Professor of Military Science with MTSU; Commander of the 45th Civil Support Team (Western Military District); Deputy Strategic Plans within Joint Force Headquarters; Executive Officer within the Command Group for the Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan Security Cooperation Kabul, Afghanistan; the Tennessee Adjutant General Secretary of General Staff; Executive Officer/Action Officer with the 30th Troop

Command; Director of Plans, Policy, and Programs (J5) with Joint Force Headquarters; and Director of Personnel (G1); and

WHEREAS, Colonel Tilton is a graduate of the Transportation Officer Basic Course, the Quartermaster Advanced Course, the Multi-Functional Logistician Course, and the Department of Defense All Hazard Responder CBRNE (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and High-Yield Explosive). He is also a graduate of the Resident Joint Forces Staff College, the Joint Qualifier Level III, the Resident Army War College, and the Chief of Staff Army's Senior Leader Course; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his exemplary service, Colonel Tilton has received numerous awards and decorations, including the Bronze Star Medal, the Combat Action Badge, the Meritorious Service Medal (six awards), the Army Commendation Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Components Achievement Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon, and the NATO Medal; and

WHEREAS, his many professional and personal accomplishments aside, Colonel Tilton is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Shelly, and their three children, Matthew, Andrew, and Macy; and

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that Colonel Tilton should be specially recognized as he relinquishes the command by which he has distinguished himself as a leader of the greatest dedication and ability; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Colonel Charles R. Tilton upon his meritorious service as the Commander of the 117th Regiment (RTI) of the Tennessee Army National Guard. We thank Colonel Tilton for his years of devoted service to his country as a military officer and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.